

HOUSING FIRST REQUIREMENTS¹

Description

Housing First is a model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) and does not terminate program participants from the project for lack of participation in the program (e.g., supportive service participation requirements or rules beyond normal tenancy rules).

HOUSING FIRST REVIEW CHECKLIST

Agency Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Check if statement is accurate:

Specific Conditions at Entry

- does not require a minimum level of income at
- entry does not screen out for substance use
- does not screen out for criminal record except as mandated by state (manufacture/sales of illegal substances in past 5 years, conditions related to registered sex offender)
- does not screen out persons with history of victimization (DV, assault, abuse)

Conditions Related to Termination of Housing

- does not require additional steps (e.g., a required stay in transitional housing or a certain number of days of sobriety) when program participants determine that they want assistance moving into permanent housing.

¹ United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, September 2016

- does not terminate housing for failure to participate in supportive services—not including case management that is for the purposes of engagement only;
- does not terminate for failure to make progress on a service plan;
- does not terminate for loss of income or failure to improve income; and
- does not terminate for other activities not covered in a lease agreement

RESULTS of REVIEW

Housing First Validated: (All conditions met):

Housing First Integrity documents need following minimal corrections (e.g. no mention of a specific item needed):

Housing First Integrity not evidenced in documents:

Review Date: _____

Review Team Initial: _____